

## TOTALITARIAN DEMOCRACY

We are being overwhelmed in the media with praise for the French Revolution. I received the Chalcedon Report the other day and in it was an excellent article **REFLECTIONS ON THE BICENTENNIAL OF THE FRENCH REVOLUTION** by Hebden Taylor and worth our consideration. (Let me encourage those who don't, to subscribe to the Chalcedon Report, Box 158, Vallecito, CA 95251. It is sent free of charge.)

**FIRST**, the F.R. was "full scale revolt against almighty God...."

**SECOND**, with the F.R. came the introduction "of totalitarian democracy..." "Popular measures were not essentially measures approved by the people, but measures which it was in the people's interest to approve and which therefore could be forced down their throats without diminishing their liberty." Called, The Popular Will of The PEOPLE.

**THIRD**, a strong centralized governing elite was needed as a "dictatorship acting as the ward of the people's interest until the people should be educated into a proper sense of what their best interest were..." In other words, the people may not want a certain program to be brought into existence but this central committee knows what is best for the people. Therefore, the central planning committee will force it into place, then educate the people as to how it is best for them.

**FOURTH**, therefore, there can be no public debate as for what the people want because that is already established by the central committee as the Popular Will. The only public debate can be to convince the public that the central committee knows what is best and the people's need to conform with their plan.

Thus, the purpose of government is to translate this *Popular Will of the People* (will of the central committee in the name of the people. The people had nothing to do with it), into practice, using whatever force is necessary. "The popular will must not be identified with the will of the majority."

**FIFTH**, "Property was a useful or necessary institution to be preserved for purely social reasons and subject to certain conditions to be enforced by the state."

Now a comment. In our area the issue of zoning is one of the more visible aspects of this "Totalitarian Democracy" in action. The council members have admitted it is not what the people want, yet they are pressing ahead anyway "in the name of the people." This is the very foundation of **Communism**. The rule by a centralized committee in the name of the people regardless of what the people want or as to what is right.

The purpose of the elected officials in America is to enforce God's moral laws as well as to uphold the Constitution; to protect my life, liberty and property; not to take control of these things, but to protect my freedom to use these things.

If this doesn't describe America today, I don't know what does. The elected officials (as a rule) no longer act on the behalf of the people they are suppose to represent, but seem to be acting in accord with a master plan. They make the decision, then work to convince the people it was what the people wanted all along. While they sell the decision to the people, they use force to make everyone conform to their desire. The grain giveaways, the financing of worldwide Communism, the giveaway of the Panama Canal, etc. Our local areas are not immune to these self-appointed rulers who are convinced that the people don't really know what is best for themselves.

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